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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(c), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. Submission of these references is not an admission that the references constitute prior art.

A copy of an English translation of the description and claims of the cited German patent is also enclosed. This translation was obtained from the espacenet translator at its website at <http://v3.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/claims?CC=DE&NR=10022751A1&KC=C2&FT=D>

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Applicant notes that the present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 1) 10/173,576 filed on June 18, 2002; 2) 10/425,978 filed on April 30, 2003; 3) 10/864,804 filed on June 10, 2004; and 4) U.S. Patent 7,390,499 issued June 24, 2008. The patent and applications are listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08a. In addition, pursuant to MPEP 609.04(a) and 2001.06(b), Applicant is submitting the most recent Office Action and response filed in each case.

Applicants respectfully request that these references be made of record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over the listed references.

This information disclosure statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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